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SUBJECT: CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN SPOKANE ENVIRONMENTAL
EXPOSITION

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1. FOLLOWING TEXT OF EXCHANGE TOOK PLACE IN HOUSE OF
COMMONS JULY 26 BETWEEN NDP MEMBER RANDOLPH HARDING
AND ACTING PRIME MINISTER MITCHELL SHARP:

BEGIN TEXT.

MR. RANDOLPH HARDING (KOOTENAY WEST): MR. SPEAKER,
MY QUESTION IS FOR THE ACTING PRIME MINISTER OR THE
APPROPRIATE MINISTER OF ANOTHER DEPARTMENT IS
INVOLVED. IN VIEW OF THE RECENT DISAPPOINTING
ANNOUNCEMENT THAT CANADA WOULD NOT HAVE A PAVILION AT
EXPO '74 WHICH IS TO BE HELD IN SPOKANE, STATE OF
WASHINGTON, NEXT YEAR, I WOULD ASK THE MINISTER WHY
CANADA, AT THIS LATE DATE, HAS DECIDED NOT TO PARTICIPATE
IN EXPO '74 AFTER INDICATING TO EXPO OFFICIALS MONTHS
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AGO THAT A CANADIAN PAVILION WOULD BE CONSTRUCTED FOR

CANADIAN EXHIBITS?

MR. SPEAKER: ORDER, PLEASE. I AM NOT SURE HOW URGENT THE QUESTION IS. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT PERHAPS IT SHOULD BE PLACED ON THE ORDER PAPER, BUT IF THE MINISTER HAS A REPLY IT COULD BE GIVEN NOW.

HON. MITCHELL SHARP (ACTING PRIME MINISTER): MR. SPEAKER, THIS QUESTION WAS CONSIDERED VERY CAREFULLY OVER A PERIOD OF RECENT WEEKS, AND WE CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT HAD HIGHER PRIORITIES AND LIMITED RESOURCES, AND THIS WAS ONE OF THE PROJECTS THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE SACRIFICED.

MR. HARDING: A SUPPLEMENTARY AND THIS IS RATHER URGENT, MR. SPEAKER, BECAUSE IF CONSTRUCTION IS TO TAKE PLACE IT MUST TAKE PLACE IMMEDIATELY. IN VIEW OF THE EXCEEDINGLY FAVOURABLE PUBLICITY WHICH A CANADIAN PAVILION WOULD GENERATE FOR CANADA, AND IN VIEW OF THE MODEST \$1.5 MILLION INVOLVED, I WOULD ASK THE MINISTER IF THE GOVERNMENT WILL RECONSIDER ITS POSITION ON THIS IMPORTANT MATTER?

MR. SPEAKER: THAT IS A REPRESENTATION.

END OF TEXT.
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